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Sir:

Enclosed please find an original Power of Attorney for filing in the above-identified patent application.

We respectfully request the appended original Power of Attorney be included with the above-identified patent application.

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to prosecute the above-identified patent application,  
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